

*"Music gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything" -Plato*

## A Note from Ms. Liz

Dear Families,

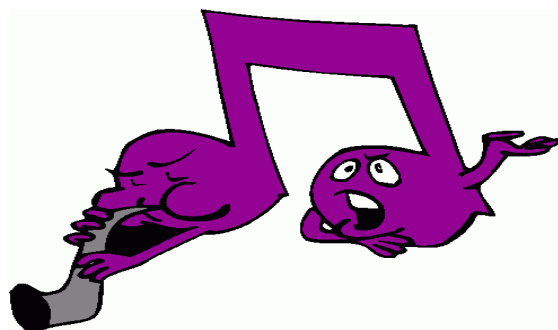
Welcome back! It has been a busy musical summer for the students and for me. Most students continued lessons through the summer, and one participated in the Piano Monster Festival here at PSU in June. Best of all, every student practiced and has made wonderful progress. All will be starting the new semester with ease, ready to move ahead instead of needing review!

In addition to teaching, I enjoyed my time as a counselor at the Junior Monster Festival, helping with the integrated arts section, and performing with the teachers' duet group. On Mondays, I played in the Manchester Community Music School Flute Choir. The rest of the time was spent in beautiful Franconia as intern and stage manager for the North Country Chamber Players. I had the privilege of interacting with world-class musicians, turning pages for pianist Bernie Rose, and hearing 26 different pieces of chamber music practiced and performed. Finally, I attended a Music Games workshop, which gave me some fun strategies for reinforcing music theory.

I am really looking forward to the coming year with all of you and your new music.

Musically,

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## Family Fun and News

### Sonata:

A musical piece that is played by one or more instruments and usually has three or four movements. It became popular in the 1600's when composers became interested in writing music for instruments instead of just for singers.

Listen to this beautiful Bach (Ms. Liz's favorite composer) Sonata in E Major for clavichord (used before pianos!) and violin. Use this site:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r26H7jDRsCQ>

Then, click on the *show more*. Go to the third one down and click on the 26. Listen for the slow, fast, not too slow, and fast sections. It is worth your time!



### Joke:

How do you clean a flute?  
*With a tuba toothpaste!*

### Riddle:

If you receive an invitation for party in G Major, what time does it start?  
*Riddle answer: 1 sharp*

### Beautiful Hands: *Why do pianists have to clip their nails?*

When nails are too long, they make a clicking sound on the keys. Also, students with long nails usually have trouble keeping their fingers curved. They play with flat fingers because they can't play on their fingertips. If this happens to you, it's time to trim!



The flute is a member of the woodwind family and has a range of about three octaves. Flutes have been around since cavemen discovered how to make sounds by blowing into hollow sticks. They changed pitch by covering holes in the tube. Later, keys were added so flutists could play more notes. Today, flutes are usually made of metal.



**Piano Care:** Don't forget to have your piano tuned this fall, a few weeks after you've turned on the heat in the house!

## PSU Musical Events

*The following are free or inexpensive concerts performed by PSU faculty or students (\*indicates when Ms. Liz's teachers will play). We hope that all of you will attend one during the semester. It's an easy way to learn about different kinds of music! Contact the Silver Center for tickets.*

**Fred Senkiewicz, trumpet. October 6, 5 p.m. Smith Recital Hall**

**\*Afternoon Trios (flute, oboe, clarinet). October 27, 5 p.m. Smith**

**\*Piano Trio (piano, cello, violin). November 3, 4 p.m. Smith**

**Jazz Ensemble and Combo. (Students, including Ms. Liz)**

**Nov. 14, 7p.m. Hanaway Theater**

**PSU Chamber Players (flute choir, piano ensemble and others)**

**December 4, 7 p.m. Hanaway**

### A PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU:

*What?* NH Music Teachers Association FALL FESTIVAL

*When?* November 9, 2013

*Where?* Concord Community Music School

*Theme?* First Movements of Sonatinas and Sonatas

*How?* Students prepare a memorized piece from a list of pieces appropriate for their levels. They play it for other students at that level and receive positive critiques from piano teachers. This is not a competition. It is a chance to hear other similar compositions.

*Any more info?* Miss Liz has more information and driving directions. She will help students choose the "right" piece of music. Registrations are due in early October. If you are interested, let her know right away. We are proud that a Level 1 student went last year and hope many more will go this time.



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